

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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MARSHALL SHIRAH MEMORIAL BRIDGE;
TARA AND MEGAN BISHOP INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

No. 35 (Senate Resolution No. 77).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Marshall Shirah Memorial Bridge; designating the intersection of State Highway 515 and State Highway 108 as "Tara and Megan Bishop Intersection"; and for other purposes.

Part 1

WHEREAS, Marshall Brandon Shirah was the beloved son of Beau and Nancy Shirah of McIntosh County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a student at the McIntosh County Academy in Darien, Georgia, Marshall's life ended on March 21, 1997, in a tragic construction accident on the job site where he worked with his father building the Interstate 95 South Altamaha Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Marshall was deeply loved by his family and friends and his death has brought great sorrow to the community in which he lived; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the memory of Marshall Shirah be honored and memorialized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life of Marshall Brandon Shirah and express regret at his passing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge located on Interstate 95 on the Glynn County and McIntosh County boundary, between exits 9 and 10, over the Altamaha River be designated the Marshall Shirah Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating said bridge as provided in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the parents of Marshall Shirah.

Part 2

WHEREAS, on July 11, 1997, Tara Bishop and Megan Bishop tragically lost their lives in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of State Highway 515 and State Highway 108 in Pickens County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, loss of life on the highways of the state is always a tragedy, and the loss is made all the more severe when young lives are suddenly cut short; and

WHEREAS, these two sisters were students; 20 year-old Tara was transferring from Kennesaw College to Reinhardt College, and 13 year-old Megan was a student at Teasley Middle School in Cherokee County; and

WHEREAS, the grief of their parents, Betty and Larry Bishop, and other members of their family was deeply shared by the local community who will long remember these special young women; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Cherokee County and Pickens County, proper recognition of the loss of these talented and beloved young women is most appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the memory of Tara Bishop and Megan Bishop and designate the intersection of State Highway 515 and State Highway 108 in Pickens County as "Tara and Megan Bishop Intersection."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so designating the intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bishop and the Department of Transportation.

Approval Date: Approved April 28, 1999.